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Yoshihiro NAKAMURA : Patent Art Unit: 2841

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For: WEIGHING DEVICE FOR WEIGHING

TARGET OBJECT IN CONTAINER, COMBINATION WEIGHING DEVICE INCLUDING THE SAME, AND

WEIGHING METHOD

(As Amended)

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